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## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION AND INTENDED USE

The 3M™ Microbial Luminescence System (MLS) Reagent Control Kit is intended for use with the following instruments: The 3M™ Microbial Luminescence System (MLS), the 3M™ Microbial Luminescence System (MLS) – USB and the 3M™ Microbial Luminescence System (MLS) II. A reagent check should be performed at least once each day, just prior to using the first 3M™ Microbial Luminescence System (MLS) Ultra High Temperature (UHT) Dairy Screen Kit. Use of this Kit will verify the function of the instrument as well as the 3M™ MLS UHT Dairy Screen Kit Reagents.

The 3M™ Microbial Luminescence System (MLS) ATP Reagent Control Kit utilizes a standard concentration of adenosine triphosphate (ATP) to ensure that the reagents in the 3M MLS UHT Dairy Screen Kits are performing satisfactorily. A vial of the 3M™ Microbial Luminescence System (MLS) ATP Reagent Control Kit is reconstituted with ATP-Free Water and this standardized solution of ATP is used to test the activity of both the 3M™ Microbial Luminescence System (MLS) ATPase and 3M™ Microbial Luminescence System (MLS) Luciferin/Luciferase (LL1) reagents. The intensity of light produced in the bioluminescent reaction of ATP with the LL1 reagent is proportional to the amount of ATP that is present in the test well. When 3M MLS ATPase is present in a test well, it degrades the ATP and low-level light readings are obtained. When no ATPase is present in a test well, the 3M MLS ATP and the 3M MLS LL1 react to produce light and high light readings are obtained.

## SAFETY

The user should read, understand, and follow all safety information in the Product Instructions for the 3M MLS ATP Reagent Control Kit. Retain the safety instructions for future reference.

**⚠ CAUTION:** Indicates a hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury and/or property damage.

### ⚠ CAUTION

#### 3M MLS Reagent Control Kit powders (before rehydration)

- May cause eye, skin, and respiratory tract irritation.
- Avoid eye and skin contact. Avoid breathing dust. Use only with adequate ventilation.
- Wash thoroughly after handling.
- For laboratory use only; follow established laboratory procedures.

## PRECAUTIONS

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## USER RESPONSIBILITY

Users are responsible for familiarizing themselves with product instructions and information. Visit our website at [www.3M.com/foodsafety](http://www.3M.com/foodsafety), or contact your local 3M representative or distributor for more information.

When selecting a test method, it is important to recognize that external factors such as sampling methods, testing protocols, sample preparation, handling, and laboratory technique may influence results.

It is the user's responsibility in selecting any test method or product to evaluate a sufficient number of samples with the appropriate matrices and microbial challenges to satisfy the user that the chosen test method meets the user's criteria. This product has not been tested with all possible UHT products, testing protocols, or with all possible strains of microorganisms.

It is also the user's responsibility to determine that any test methods and results meet its customers' and suppliers' requirements.

As with any test method, results obtained from use of any 3M Food Safety product do not constitute a guarantee of the quality of the matrices or processes tested.

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## STORAGE

Store 3M MLS ATP Reagent Control Kit at 2-8°C. DO NOT FREEZE. Store any unused, reconstituted ATP at 2-8°C for no longer than 24 hours. Expiration date and lot number are noted on each vial of ATP positive control. 3M MLS ATP Reagent Control Kit reagents should not be used past their expiration date.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:

Follow all product instructions carefully. Failure to do so may lead to inaccurate results. Wear appropriate protective apparel and follow standard good laboratory safety practices (GLP).<sup>1</sup>

## REAGENT PREPARATION:

1. Allow all solutions and reagents to reach ambient temperature prior to use. Cold reagents may produce low relative light unit (RLU) readings, and samples may be incorrectly interpreted as sterile (false negative result). Do not heat reagents to warm them, as this may inactivate the reagents.
2. Carefully open a vial of lyophilized ATP; be careful not to touch the rubber stopper. Pipette 0.5 mL of ATP-Free Water into the vial. Replace the stopper and invert the vial 5-10 times. Allow at least 5 minutes for the ATP to rehydrate. The rehydrated ATP is ready to use and contains sufficient volume for 2 reagent control assays. Once rehydrated, the ATP control solution is active for 24 hours when stored at 2-8°C.
3. Prepare fresh ATPase and LL1 OR verify that previously rehydrated reagents were recently prepared. When stored at 2-8°C, rehydrated ATPase is active for 2 days and LL1 is active for 5 days.

## INSTRUMENT PREPARATION:

(See 3M™ Microbial Luminescence System (MLS) User Manual for detailed instructions).

1. Rinse the instrument lines A, B and C with Injector cleaning fluid using the “**Wash Assay**”.
2. Rinse the instrument lines A, B and C with ATP-Free water using the “**Wash Assay**”.
3. Load the assay reagents (ATPase on injector A, extractant on injector B, and LL1 on injector C) onto the 3M MLS Instrument.
4. Place a 3M™ Microbial Luminescence System (MLS) Microwell Plate onto the plate carrier ensuring well ‘A1’ is positioned at the left corner of the plate carrier, closest to the user.
5. Prime injectors A, B, and C using the “**Prime Assay**”.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR REAGENT CONTROL CHECK:

1. Using a strip of six 3M™ Microbial Luminescence System (MLS) Microwell Strip (#3008), pipette 50 µL of rehydrated ATP into each of the last four microwells (C1-F1). Do not deposit 3M MLS ATP onto the sides of the wells.
2. Place the 3M MLS Microwell Strip into a 3M™ Microbial Luminescence System (MLS) Microwell Strip Holder (#3009) and place the holder onto the instrument plate carrier, so Well A1 is in the left upper corner of the plate carrier (closest to the instrument).
3. Select the “**Reagent Control Assay**” from the list assays and click start to run the reagent control check.
4. Complete file and user information, then click **OK**.
5. Following favorable reagent check results, the instrument and reagents are ready for use.
6. Perform **UHT Assay(s)** according to the 3M MLS UHT Dairy Screen Kit Instructions for Use.

## INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS:

The default specifications for a reagent check are as follows:

**Wells A1, B1:** Readings of <35 RLU in both wells indicate that there is no contamination in the instrument or reagents.

**Wells C1, D1:** Readings of <100 RLU in both wells indicate that the ATPase enzyme is active.

**Wells E1, F1:** Readings of >1500 RLU in both wells indicate that the LL1 enzyme and ATP control are active.

**NOTE:** Pass/Fail criteria for reagent checks and UHT testing may vary depending on customer or product requirements.

## TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS:

1. If the reagent check produces an unsatisfactory reading, repeat the procedure with a fresh bottle of 3M MLS ATP Reagent and/or 3M MLS ATPase and 3M MLS LL1. If the reagent check fails again, it may indicate a problem with one or more reagents, or with the 3M MLS Instrument itself. Refer to **Table 1** for specific result scenarios during reagent control check.
2. Check the expiration date on all reagent bottles, and ensure that the reagents have been properly stored. The shelf-life of rehydrated reagents are as follows:

ATPase = 2 days at 2-8°C

LL1 = 5 days at 2-8°C

ATP control = 24 hours at 2-8°C

**Table 1.** Reagent control check, troubleshooting overview.

CONTROL WELLS	WELL CONTENTS	TESTS FOR:	PASS CRITERIA (RLU)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
A1	Ext, ATPase, LL1 (no ATP)	Reagent contamination	<35	6	36	5	7	9	154	4
B1			<35	5	37	7	8	7	189	8
C1	Ext, ATPase, LL1, ATP	ATPase activity	<100	8	45	6	158	2346	204	11
D1			<100	9	55	9	97	2560	132	12
E1	Ext, LL1, ATP (no ATPase)	ATP control, LL1 activity	>1,500	2653	2527	6	2765	2450	8518	1380
F1			>1,500	2240	2597	9	2930	2950	9573	1310
Results OK				Potential Problem	Potential Problem	Potential Problem	Potential Problem	Potential Problem	Potential Problem	Potential Problem
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Wells A1-D1 are marginal failures, may indicate a problem with contamination or biofilm in reagent lines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* LL1 not properly dispensed</li> <li>* No ATP control in wells E1, F1</li> <li>Well strip placed horizontally in holder</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* ATP control left on the wall of wells C1, D1</li> <li>* Improper pipetting technique</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>** ATPase not properly dispensed</li> <li>* ATPase inactive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Contamination or biofilm in reagent lines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Decreased ATP control and/or LL1 activity due to high ambient temperature</li> <li>* C-probe not dispensing properly</li> </ul>	
				Potential Solution	Potential Solution	Potential Solution	Potential Solution	Potential Solution	Potential Solution	Potential Solution
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Remove reagents <u>without</u> recovering</li> <li>* Replace amber bottles and solutions; rinse reagent lines with fresh ATP-Free Water and Cleaning Solution</li> <li>* Weekly Cleaning Procedure</li> <li>Repeat reagent control check</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Verify proper dispensing</li> <li>* Repeat reagent control check</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Repeat Reagent Check, take care to pipette ATP control into <b>bottom</b> of microwells</li> <li>* Repeat reagent control check</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Verify proper dispensing</li> <li>* Replace ATPase</li> <li>* Replace reagent control check</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Remove reagents <u>without</u> recovering</li> <li>* Replace amber bottles and solutions; rinse reagent lines with fresh ATP-free water and cleaning solution</li> <li>* Weekly Cleaning Procedure</li> <li>* Repeat reagent control check</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Check temperature of lab and 3M MLS; should be &lt;25°C</li> <li>* Repeat reagent control check using new ATP</li> <li>* Weekly Cleaning Procedure</li> </ul>	



## REFERENCE

1. U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Part 58. Good Laboratory Practice for Nonclinical Laboratory Studies.

## EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS



Caution or Warning, consult product instructions.



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The lot in a box and the hourglass symbols are symbols that represent lot number and expiration date. The hourglass is followed by a year and month which represents the expiration date (year and month: YYYY-MM). The entire line after the hourglass represents the lot number (YYYY-MM AZ).



Store between given temperatures.

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